



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the continuing of Our Farthing Tokens of Copper, and prohibiting the Counterfeiting of them, and the vse of all other.

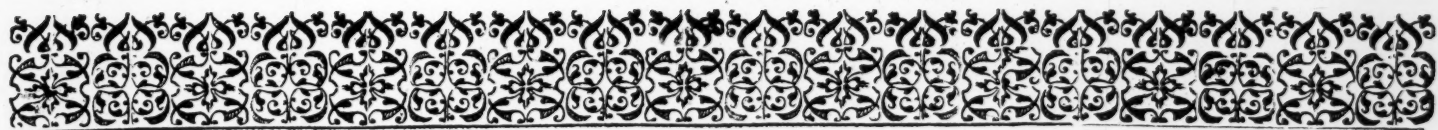


Hereas Our late deare and Royall Father, King IAMES of blessed memorie, did out of his Prouidence and Princely care for the pooer sort of his Subiects, take order and prouide, that in stead of vnwarranted Farthing Tokens, then formerly vsed by Wintners, Chandlers, Tapsters, and other Traders and Retailers, to the losse of his louing Subiects, there should bee others made by his owne Warrant, vnder his owne Royall Name and Inscription, and a constant rechange settled, whereby the Subiect might haue the lawfull vse of them with much ease, & without losse, which hauing since had generall passage through Our Kingdomes of England, and Ireland, and Dominion of Wales, haue brought with their vse a generall benefit to all sorts of people; wee therefore, no lesse tending the good and ease of Our louing Subiects, haue resolved vpon the continuance, vse, and rechange of the sayd warranted Farthing Tokens: And doe hereby publish and declare Our Royall pleasure and Commandement, that no Farthing Tokens, or other Tokens whatsoever heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, shall be vsed, giuen, or receiued in exchange vpon any pretence whatsoever, within Our Kingdomes of England and Ireland, and Our Dominion of Wales, or any of them, other then such onely as haue been heretofore made by the authority of the Letters Patents of Our said late deare and Royal Father, or as shall be made by Our authority and Letters Patents thereof to be granted vnder Our great Seale of England, To Our right trusty and right welbeloued Cousin, Frances Dutchesse Dowager of Richmond and Lenox, and Our trusty and welbeloued Seruant, Sir Francis

Crane, Knight, during the Termes in the said Letters Patents contained : To which end we doe hereby straightly charge and command, that no person or persons whatsoever, doe at any time hereafter presume to make any other Token or Tokens, or to vse, vtter, or receiue any such Token or Tokens, or any thing in the name or nature of a Token or Tokens whatsoever, either already made, or hereafter to bee made, other then such Farthing Tokens onely, as are, or shall be made by such authority, as aforesaid, according to the warrant and direction set downe in the said seuerall Letters Patents. Nor shall counterfeit, or attempt, or goe about to counterfeit any the Token or Tokens, so made, or to be made by authoritie aforesaid; or any the Engine or Engines, or Instruments whatsoever, wherewith the same haue been or shall bee made, wrought or stamped, nor shall import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought into this Kingdome any Farthings, or Farthing Tokens, made or coyned in any forreine parts beyond the Seas, nor shall vse, vtter or disperse any such forreine Farthings or Tokens, vpon paine of Our heauy displeasure, and such further punishment to be inflicted vpon him or them, which shall be found to offend herein, as by Our Lawes, or Our Prerogative Royall may be inflicted vpon them, for their contempt and disobedience to this Our Commandement; willing and commanding all and singular Maiors, Iustices of Peace, Sherriffes, Bailiffes, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, to whom it shall or may appertaine, to doe their vttermost endeouour for the discovery and searching out of all offenders and delinquents concerning the premisses, and to be aiding and assisting to the said Patentees, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes, Deputies, Factors, and Seruants, in, and about the due execution and performance of Our Royall pleasure and Commandement aboue declared.

Giuen at Our Court at White-Hall, the thirtieth day of May, in the first yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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